#### Frequently Asked Questions

#### What is Maricopa On Patrol?

Maricopa On Patrol is a program designed to get all Maricopa residents involved in crime prevention. The Maricopa Police Department is asking that everyone takes the time to report suspicious and/or criminal activity in an effort to reduce crime in our city.

#### Who can participate?

Everyone! Residents, visitors and workers with regular routes in Maricopa, including newspaper carriers, bus drivers, cab drivers, postal workers and all City workers should participate in Maricopa On Patrol. If you are walking, driving, biking or jogging or just looking out the window, you might see suspicious activity. It's a joint effort for a better community.

## When do we report?

As soon as you see the activity - 24 hours a day, seven days a week! Crime has no set schedule and the Maricopa Police Department works around the clock.

#### Do we have to give our name when reporting?

No, you can choose to remain anonymous, but it is helpful if you leave a name and phone number in case an officer needs to ask for additional information. However, we will need the who, what, when and where of the activity. When you call, the call taker might ask many questions. It's okay if you don't have all of the answers, just answer what you can. You can even text us anonymous tips to 274637. Type in MPD, your message, then send.

## Phone Numbers You Will Need to Say It!

POLICE EMERGENCY 911

Police Non-Emergency 520/866.5111

Silent Witness 520/316.6900

Graffiti Hotline 520/316.6900

Vacation Watch 520/316.6800

Secret Crime Text Line 274637

Maricopa Alarm Guy "MAG" says "Help STOP False Alarms"



Alarm Coordinator

520/316.6893

Remember: Who, What, When, Where and Give Accurate Descriptions



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See It - Say It - Solve It!

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See It: Take notice of what is going on around you.

**Say It**: Call the Police immediately.

Solve It: What happens when you get involved.

Maricopa on Patrol needs you to do all of the above.

Listen to your instincts. If you ask yourself, "Should I call the police?" You should! Call and give the information about what you are seeing and let our trained professionals determine if an officer needs to be dispatched. We may not know about the incident if no one calls. What you see may be the last bit of information that we need to prevent or solve a crime! The following are examples of when you should call 520/866.5111:

#### See It! Suspicious People/Vehicles:

- That appear to be "out of place" in the area
- Going door to door soliciting in a residential neighborhood, especially where prohibited
- Conducting surveys without proper identification
- Looking in windows or trying doors
- Waiting or loitering in front or behind closed businesses or unoccupied houses
- Forcing entrance into a vacant building
- Carrying property, especially if running at an unusual time or inappropriate hour of the night
- Screaming or loud voices
- Loitering near schools/parks
- Selling items or services at very low prices
- Excessive walking, driving or biking to and from a specific residence on a regular basis
- Conducting a repair operation at a non-business location

#### See It! Suspicious People/Vehicles: (continued)

- Acting disoriented or inappropriately for the place and time
- Driving slowly and aimlessly through a residential neighborhood
- Driving slowly and talking to children
- Driving at night by homes without headlights on
- · Parked and occupied, especially at an unusual hour
- Parked in front of an unoccupied home or closed business and being loaded with items
- Abandoned vehicles parked on your street
- Forcing someone into a vehicle
- Forcing entry into a locked vehicle, especially in a parking lot
- Objects thrown out of a vehicle
- Conducting business out of a vehicle
- Vehicles being operated with a cracked steering column or screwdriver in the ignition switch
- Sound of breaking glass

### Say It! Just a Few Tips:

- 911 should only be used in an emergency (crime in progress or a threat of injury)
- Be observant discreetly and safely
- Be a good witness take notes and provide information
- Start a Neighborhood Watch Get to know your neighbors, share contact information, exchange ideas
- You can remain anonymous by calling Silent
  Witness with any information that you feel may result
  in retaliation

#### Solve It! Results Are:

- Criminals are put in jail
- Reduction in crime means fewer victims
- Residents take back their neighborhoods
- Soon everyone is getting involved
- · Residents and visitors feel safe

# Maricopa Police Department Theft From Vehicle Report Card This is NOT a ticket



#### Prepared for:

(Vehicle License number)

Your Maricopa Police Department Officers are concerned about your safety and the safety of your property. Theft from vehicles is a common type of property crime, yet it is a very easy crime to prevent. All it takes is a few minutes to protect your car. We have completed this form today to help you keep your property safe.

#### YOUR VEHICLE HAS:

#### PASSED FAILED

If your vehicle failed, it was because of the following:

- Property in Plain View
- Door(s) appear unlocked
- Window(s) open
- Other



police department